



Chena River

State Recreation Area

HUNT MEMORIAL CABIN

Public Use Cabin



IN MEMORIAM

This cabin is dedicated to the memory of Park Ranger Darryl Hunt, who worked for the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation from 1981 until 2003. Ranger Hunt managed the Chena River State Recreation Area from 1994 to 2003. For all except the last two years, he was the "lone ranger". Darryl cared deeply about the Recreation Area, placing the well-being of the area and its visitors foremost in his heart.



Important information

- Cabins may be used only by those who have paid the rental fee in advance, and only on the days specified on the receipt.
- Cabins may not be used for commercial activities.
- The Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation may close cabins due to weather, maintenance problems, break-up, ice conditions, or other reasons.
- Refer to the Alaska State Parks brochures, "Public Use Cabins in Interior Alaska" and "Reservation, Cancellation, and Use Policies" for cancellation / credit policies and other important information.
- Call the Public Information Center (907) 451-2705 or visit our web site at: www.alaskastateparks.org for cabin and trail condition updates.

What to take to the cabin

- The log cabin measures 16' x 24' with a 12' x 16' loft, and sleeps 6 adults.
- The cabin is supplied with a wood stove, table, seats, broom, axe, saw, and shovel. Alaska State Parks makes an effort to inform the public that we make no guarantees regarding the condition and/or presence of the items mentioned above, and we appreciate being informed of any issues associated with the condition of the cabin and accommodations provided. All other camping equipment and supplies must be provided by the user, including:

- Sleeping bag & pad
- Food
- Cooking stove / fuel
- Matches lighters, fire starter
- First Aid items
- Plastic garbage bags
- Jug of water
- Saw or axe, just in case
- Firewood
- Flashlight
- Lantern and fuel

LANTERNS ARE NO LONGER PROVIDED

A few necessary do's & don'ts

- Do not leave cookware, sleeping pads, or other items in the cabin at the end of your visit.
- Please leave some cut dry wood for the next visitor. A bow saw and axe are provided for your use. Only down or burnt trees may be cut.
- Keep the fire in the stove under control. Do not leave dampers open when you are not in the cabin.
- Stay alert and cautious of any trapping activity in the area. Traps and bait may be located near trails. Children and pets should be monitored closely.
- Feel free to write your comments in the cabin's log book. Please report any missing or damaged furnishings or other problems to the Public Information Center in Fairbanks immediately. (907) 451-2705.
- Do not leave food or garbage in the cabin at the end of your visit. It might seem helpful to share food with future cabin users, but food (even in airtight containers) attracts bears and small animals. Please pack out everything you pack in.
- Do not leave pets unattended inside the cabin at any time.
- GPS COORDINATES (NAD83):
W146° 17.337' N64° 55.937'

Check-out time is 12:00 noon.

The lock Combination is: _____

Dial the combo on the bottom of the lock, push the lock together, then pull it apart. In winter be sure and thaw the lock out.

The numbers must all be lined up.

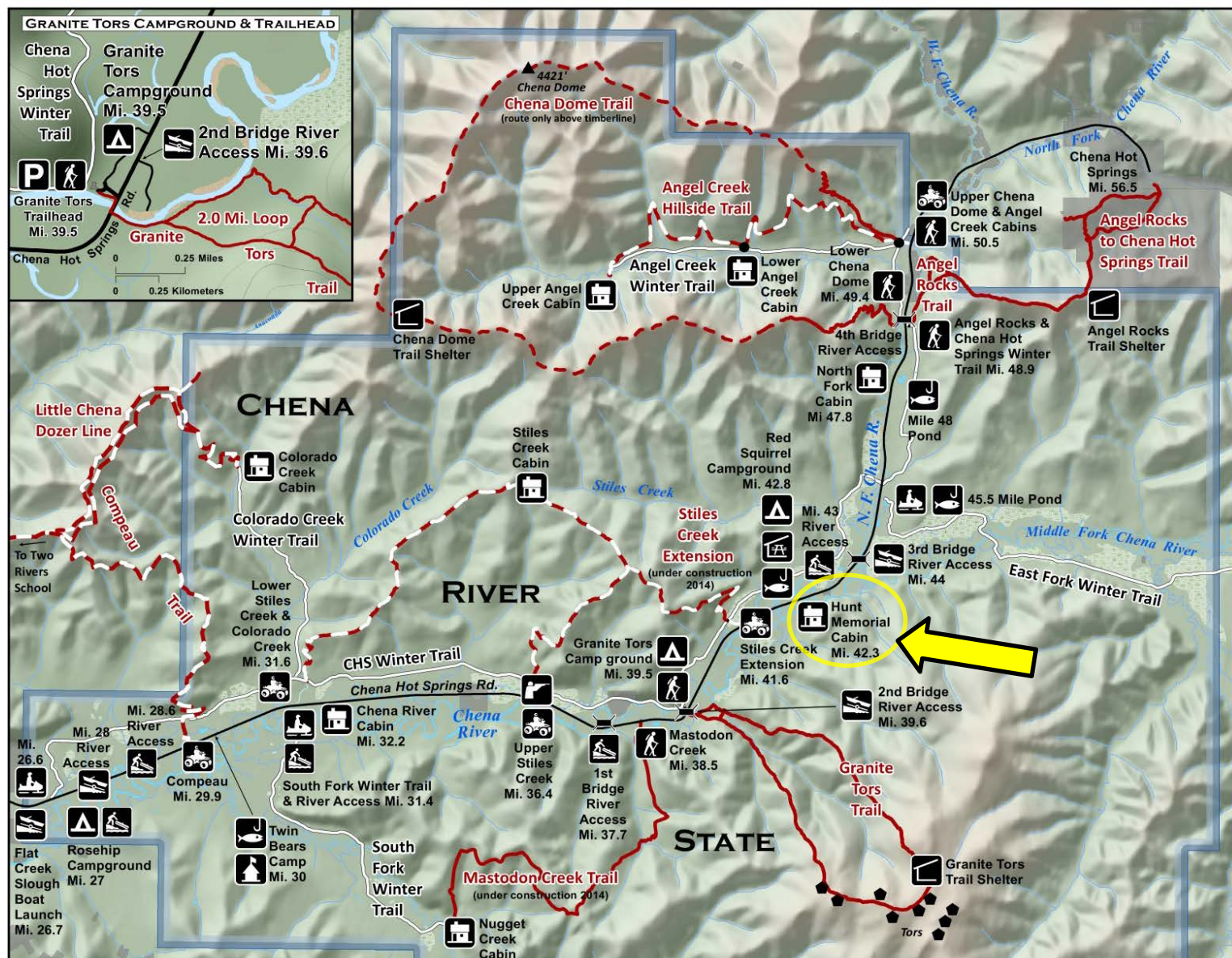
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The Hunt Memorial Cabin is road accessible. Located on the south side of the road at mile 42.3 Chena Hot Springs Road (CHSR), this new log cabin is nestled on the Chena River. The entrance road to the cabin is just before Red Squirrel Campground and has a locked gate. The same combination that works on the cabin will open the gate. Relax on the front porch and gaze out on the Chena River or whip the sparkling crystal clear water for hungry Grayling. The cabin is located on the Upper Chena River and is a great starting point for a float trip. A popular float is from the cabin to the Tors Trail campground (mile 39 CHSR). This float takes approximately 2 hours. Floating all the way through the Recreation Area to Rosehip Campground (mile 27 CHSR) takes from 8 to 10 hours. Floaters should use caution as sweepers and log jams may be present.

CAUTION: The Chena River often has thin ice or open water even in late winter. **BE CAREFUL!**

Public Use Cabin & Ice Fishing Hut Reservation Cancellation & Use Policy

General Information

- Checkout time for cabins is noon. Reservations are valid from noon to noon.
- Checkout time for ice huts is midnight. Reservations are valid from midnight to midnight.
- Cabin and ice hut reservations are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations may be made no more than seven months in advance for Alaska residents and six months in advance for non-residents.
- The State must receive full payment before a facility will be reserved
- A person cannot use a cabin for more than 5 consecutive nights or one weekend (Fri-Sat) per month. This allows more users to be more fairly accommodated. Exceptions may be granted during low use periods.
- Normal back-country hazards exist and at least one person in your party should be experienced in back-country travel.
- Firewood is hard to find at some facilities, so bring your own or gather dead and down or burnt trees on your way in. Please leave standing dead trees for wildlife habitat.
- If others are using the facility when you arrive, politely inform them that you have a reservation to use the cabin/ice hut. If they refuse to leave, do not start an altercation. Instead, observe as much information about the individuals as you can (e.g., description, age, clothing, etc.) and note the license number of any vehicle parked nearby or at the trailhead. Report the problem as soon as possible to a Park Ranger (451-2695).

Reservations

Reservations can be made online at <http://alaskastateparks.org/> or in person at a DNR Public Information Center or State Park office. Reservation requests are also accepted at the aforementioned offices via fax or mail. **Reservations cannot be made by phone.**

Changes or Cancellations

1. **Reservation fees are not refundable.**
2. Reservation changes or cancellations must be made at least 48 hours prior to the start of the reservation in order to receive a credit. The original reservation or reservation number must be provided in order to change or cancel a reservation. If you fail to cancel in a timely manner or fail to use the facility for reasons other than those described below, credit is not available.
3. If you were unable to use the facility due to events beyond your control, such as extreme weather (as defined below), hazardous conditions (as determined by the Division of Parks), or a closure of a road, trail, or facility by the State, you may request a credit. Requests for credit in these cases must be made within 3 business days of the last day of your reservation. Credits are valid for one year from the date of issuance.
 - a. Extreme weather in the Northern Regions is defined below
 - i. Minus 30°F for the “North Fork”, “Darryl Hunt Memorial” and “Chena River” Cabins.
 - ii. Minus 20°F for all other cabins and ice huts.
 - iii. Official temperature is taken from Monument Creek (upper Chena River drainage) at 7:00 am. Temperature information may be accessed at <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/nwcc/sntl-datarpt.jsp?site=949&days=7&state=AK>.

Access

Access to most of the back-country cabins can be difficult or challenging in summer due to marshy trail conditions and open water crossings. Although the State endeavors to plow the roads and groom trails to the cabins in winter, sudden heavy snows, icy conditions, or overflow may hinder access or make your exit difficult. **Be prepared.** Take extra food and survival gear just in case. During the two or three weeks of freeze up or break-up, trail or road conditions may make access difficult or impossible. Alaska State Parks may close or restrict access to prevent facility or resource damage during these periods. Check with the Alaska State Parks office for current trail conditions.

Disclaimer & Responsibilities

These cabins and ice fishing huts are isolated and rustic with limited facilities. Back-country travel and movement on frozen waters in Alaska can be hazardous. The State’s renting of a cabin or ice fishing hut in no way certifies the safety of the trails or the ice on the rivers, sloughs, or lakes. It is the renter’s responsibility to determine that weather and ice conditions are safe before venturing to the cabin or hut. The renter agrees to leave the cabin or hut by the time indicated, and to leave the cabin in a clean and orderly condition and may be held responsible for any damage to the cabin, associated facilities, or park resources.

More Information

For more information including cabin availability, costs, or a Cabin Permit Application, please visit <http://alaskastateparks.org/>. For all other questions, please call a DNR Public Information Center between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm Mon-Fri.

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